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1. Repairs to war damage: Work is being carried out as fast as possible to repair war damage at the following ports, and to give them increased docking facilities.
 - a. Split - damage 100 percent repaired.
 - b. Fiume - damage 60 percent repaired.
 - c. Neretva - The jetty has not yet been cleared. Three magnetic mines are buried deep in the sand. As a result, only wooden ships can use the port.
 - d. Zelenik - damage 100 percent repaired.
 - e. Ploca - Urgent repairs are being carried out. A water conduit from Vrgovac is being laid. The port is large and deep enough to take all types of ships.
 - f. Sibenik - Repairs are being carried out to the two Sibenik ports (one inside and the other outside the town). The latter port is being used for loading bauxite.
 - g. Metkovic - repairs are being undertaken.
2. Port Installations: The following work is being done to improve port installations and facilities:

Split

- a. The shipbuilding yard has been repaired and enlarged. The pre-war complement of machinery has been doubled and a large iron foundry is being constructed.
- b. There is a project to build four water cisterns, but the material for construction, on order from Hungary, has not yet arrived as a result of Hungary's having stopped all supplies to Yugoslavia since the end of June.

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- c. There are insufficient stocks of steel available for the construction or repair of shipping at Split. Ships whose repairs were scheduled to take six months have already spent twelve months under repair and are still not ready.
- d. German engineers, imported from Stettin and the Russian sector of Berlin are being employed on the construction of these installations and the repair of ships. They are paid 15,000 dinars a month whereas Yugoslav engineers are paid only 5,000 dinars.

Fiume

- a. The "Danubia" shipbuilding yard is 50 percent repaired; 2,000 men are employed solely on repairs to the shipbuilding yard.
- b. The torpedo factory is not functioning because of shortage of materials.

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